Shortage in food production in drought affected states

1647. SHRI VITHALRAO MADHAVRAO JADHAV:
SHRI SURENDER SINGH:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the food production shortage in drought affected States of the country in Kharif and Rabi seasons;

(b) what is the shortage of foodgrain production with special reference to Maharashtra; and

(c) what is the requirement of Maharashtra in respect of edible oil, wheat, rice, kerosene, L.P.G. gas and how much was supplied?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Production of Eggs

1648. SHRI VISHWASRAO RAMRAO PATIL: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the total annual quantity of eggs produced in the country; and

(b) the quantity of eggs required for domestic consumption and export?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI K. C. LENKA): (a) During 1989-90, the total estimated egg production was 20.204 million eggs.

(b) The consumption and export of eggs are influenced by several factors like price, demand, availability, etc. As such it is not possible to quantify the information in this regard.

उत्तर प्रदेश की मंडियों में गेहूं की उपलब्धता

1649. **चौधरी हरि सिंह:** क्या कृषि मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या सरकार को इस बात की जानकारी है कि आजकल उत्तर प्रदेश की मंडियों में छोटे-छोट खरीददार अपने खाने के लिए गेहूं नहीं खरीद पा रहे हैं;

(ख) यदि हां, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं; और

(ग) सरकार ने छोटे खरीददारों की आवश्यकताओं को पूरा करने के लिए उत्तर प्रदेश की मंडियों में गेहूं की उपलब्धता सुनिश्चित करने हेतु क्या कदम उठाये हैं?

कृषि मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री मुल्लापल्ली रामचन्द्रन): (क) से (ग) जी, नहीं। उत्तर प्रदेश में अलग-अलग एजेंसियों द्वारा चालू वर्ष (16 जुलाई 1992 तक) के दौरान, वर्ष 1991-92 के दौरान के 3.68 लाख मीटरी टन की तुलना में 4.90 लाख मीटरी टन गेहूं की खरीद की गई है।

Cultivation of rose in the country

1650. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that rose cultivation in the country is on decline;

(b) whether it is also a fact that rose has many medicinal value and its oil has good markets in U.S.A and France; and

(c) if so, what steps Government have already taken or propose to take to improve and promote cultivation in the country?